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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions

The regular meeting of the First Things First – La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council was held **December 2, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. at the Fort Mohave Education Center, 1599 Plantation Road, Mohave Valley, Arizona 86440.

Chairman Allsbrooks called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m. Council members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

Members present: William Allsbrooks, Terri Holloway, Vijette Saari, Riley Frei, Alisa Burroughs, Debra Weger, Nancy Mongeau, Betsy Lewis, Melissa Howell, Lenore Knudtson

Members Absent: Jose Garcia

Approval of Agenda

Member Frei made a motion to approve the day's agenda. Motion was seconded by Member Holloway. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Conflict of Interest

No Council Members declared a conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda.

Call to the Public

There was not response for the Call to the Public.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the minutes of October 28th, 2010. Member Weger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Member Burrows. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

Discussion & Possible Approval of 2011 Meeting Schedule

Monthly meetings of the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month. The time will change from 9:00a.m. to 9:30a.m. with locations rotating throughout the region. A proposed rotation for cities was provided to Regional Council members. Member Frei suggested adding Colorado City as a location. FTF staff will arrange for a meeting venue in Colorado City for the July 28th, 2011 meeting.

Member Mongeau motioned to approve the 2011 meeting schedule. Motion seconded by Member Saari. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Discussion & Possible Approval of Proposed SFY 2012 Funding Plan

Coordinator Beckett summarized the changes suggested by the Regional Council to the fiscal year 2012 funding plan advising the proposed plan maintains the current funding levels with a couple of exceptions. One of the changes is an increase to pre-kindergarten expansion which allows for the addition of another school district in fiscal year 2012. Also included is a small increase in community awareness and elimination of funding for media. The only other significant changes are additions of two new strategies; therapist recruitment and the food strategy.

Member Holloway motioned to approve the 2012 Funding Plan. Motion seconded by member Mongeau. Motioned passed unanimously by members present.

Regional Manger Arnold advised the Regional Council their funding plan process appeared to be effortless this year and congratulated the Regional Council for the work they accomplished in approving the funding plan. Chair Allsbrooks also congratulated the Council on the work they accomplished in the past year.

Update on Community Outreach

Community Outreach Liaison Della Gray updated the Council on the outreach conducted, specifically targeting elementary schools, parent associations and women's clubs. Ms. Gray presented to school districts in Lake Havasu, Kingman, Bullhead City, Parker, and Beaver Dam and will continue to meet with schools all over the region. Chair Allsbrooks advised that by law, every school is required to have a council comprised of teachers and parents. He suggested Ms. Gray ask the schools about their meetings. Ms. Gray stated presentations were made to Kiwanis & Golden Kiwanis and contacts have been initiated to both pediatricians and dentists. Ms. Gray informed the Council that FTF is working on a Speaker Bureau training to assist stakeholders in spreading the word about the work being done in the region. Manager Arnold advised the Council that one of the areas staff is working on is educating the legislature. If any Council members have a connection with a legislator and are willing to meet with them, FTF will handle the logistics in setting up meetings, providing discussion points, and accompanying Council members to those meetings.

Coordinator Report & Possible Discussion*Planned Outreach to Elected Officials:*

Coordinator Beckett requested a volunteer from the Council to meet with State Representative Doris Goodale to discuss First Things First. Members Holloway and Howell volunteered.

Selection of Additional Districts for Pre-Kindergarten Expansion:

Coordinator Beckett advised there is \$120,000 remaining in the pre-kindergarten expansion strategy in the current fiscal year. There are sufficient funds to add another school district. Coordinator Beckett provided information from the Department of Economic Security (DES) on the childcare subsidy wait list and suggested using the information to prioritize the selection of additional districts. Coordinator Beckett requested feedback from the Council regarding a recommendation to prioritize the Bullhead and Kingman school districts. Chair Allsbrooks and Member Burroughs declared a conflict of interest and refrained from conversation. Council held discussion on the childcare subsidy wait list and opportunities for pre-kindergarten expansion in the region.

Spring 2011 Media Campaign:

Coordinator Beckett advised Council there is still \$7,000 remaining from the media campaign in the current fiscal year. The consultant, Moses Anshell, suggested doing a six week cinema campaign in the spring using the creative from the fall media campaign. Council held discussion regarding the media campaign and agreed that the next media campaign should be based on the accomplishments made in the region. Coordinator Beckett advised the funds can also be carried over. Council agreed to let the \$7000 roll over to the next fiscal year.

Discussion & Possible Action on Election of Chair

Chair Allsbrooks advised the Council that this is his last meeting since he is moving out of the region and asked for nominations for Chair. Member Lewis nominated Riley Frei. Member Mongeau seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Motion made by member Burroughs to elect Member Frei as Chair for the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council. Motion seconded by Member Howell. Motion passed unanimously by members present. Chair Allsbrooks stated he has been proud to serve on the Regional Council and looks forward to seeing the continued progress made by the Council in the future. Coordinator Beckett thanked Chair Allsbrooks for his service and presented him with a gift basket from the Council.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is at 9:30 am on Thursday, January 27th, 2011 at the Beaver Dam High School Library located at 3475 E. Rio Virgin Rd. Beaver Dam, AZ 86432.

Adjourn

Member Mongeau made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Member Holloway. Motion carried unanimously by members present.

There being no further business, Chairman Allsbrooks adjourned the meeting at 9:51a.m.

Minutes **NOT approved**

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

S. Jo Griffis, Administrative Assistant

Merritt Beckett, Regional Coordinator